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October 9, 1903 1700

Six new cases—County quarantine—State military intervention.

Laredo, Tex., October 1, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

To-day's report is as follows: New cases, 6; suspicious cases, 2; deaths, none. Total cases reported to date, 45, with 3 deaths. Twenty-four houses disinfected, 10 with 103 rooms. Murray confirmed the presence of yellow fever at Minera, a mining camp 26 miles from Laredo, finding 7 cases and 1 death. Minera has no railroad communication except with Laredo. Tabor has taken all necessary precautions. There is no danger of the disease spreading from there. County quarantines are giving trouble in opening up freight traffic on Mexican-Texas Railroad. Tabor has requested State military intervention, and it has been granted. Situation here is not so encouraging. New foci are developing.

GUITERAS.

Assistant Surgeon Ebersole ordered to confer with local authorities.

OCTOBER 2, 1903.

EBERSOLE, Rice Hotel, Houston, Tex.:

Confer with local authorities. Advise their looking out for any refugees from Laredo since September 15. Wertenbaker will arrive in few days. Confer with him. He will return to New Orleans shortly hereafter.

WYMAN.

Pyrethrum powder and wood alcohol for use at Eagle Pass.

OCTOBER 2, 1903.

WERTENBAKER, New Orleans, La.:

Ship Hume, Eagle Pass, Tex., 100 pounds pyrethrum powder and 1 barrel wood alcohol.

WYMAN.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Wertenbaker ordered to Beaumont, Tex.

OCTOBER 2, 1903.

WERTENBAKER, New Orleans, La.:

See telegram to Lumsden. Proceed with him to Beaumont. After installing him and observing matters yourself for a day or two at Beaumont proceed to Houston, where same orders have been sent Ebersole. After a day or two in Houston wire. Bureau expects then to order you back to New Orleans, but await orders before leaving. Wire situation on leaving Beaumont; also on leaving Houston.

WYMAN.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Lumsden ordered to Beaumont.

OCTOBER 2, 1903.

LUMSDEN:

(Through commanding officer, marine hospital, New Orleans, La.) Proceed to Beaumont, Tex.; confer with local health authorities;

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advise their looking out for any refugees from Laredo and keeping them under observation. Wire report as to general conditions, and advise with Wertenbaker, who will go with you and will remain a day or two. Wire Bureau at least every other day.

WYMAN.

Acknowledgment of orders—Pyrethrum and wood alcohol sent to Eagle Pass.

New Orleans, La., October 2, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

Order for Lumsden and myself received. We leave for Beaumont to-morrow (Saturday) morning. Pyrethrum and wood alcohol go to Hume, Eagle Pass, by express to-night.

WERTENBAKER.

Yellow fever at Minera.

Laredo, Tex., October 2, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

Forenoon visited Minera, a mining camp 26 miles northwest, with Tabor. Found 7 yellow fever convalescents; 1 death with all signs. On 30th, afternoon, visited many sick people; confirmed 4 cases, ruled out 2, 1 doubtful.

Murray, Surgeon.

Camp at Sanchez started.

OCTOBER 2, 1903.

Guiteras, Laredo, Tex.:

Is Tabor conducting camp at Sanchez? If so, did he take tents and equipment from Laredo or from camp outfit now at Cactus? Purnell now in San Antonio examining territory between there and Cactus.

WYMAN.

LAREDO, TEX., October 2, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

Tabor started camp at Sanchez yesterday, taking about one-third of our camp outfit, which is now at Sanchez and not at Cactus.

GUITERAS.

Certificates to passengers bound for United States.

OCTOBER 2, 1903.

Guiteras, Laredo, Tex.:

Replying to your telegram September 29, can you spare Von Ezdorf to visit San Luis Potosi and Saltillo to confer with United States consuls and ascertain if any reliable system can be established for giving certificates to passengers bound for the United States that they have not been in infected districts? Regulations already require that pas-